

Application Serial No.: 10/809,362
Reply to Office Action dated November 3, 2005

REMARKS

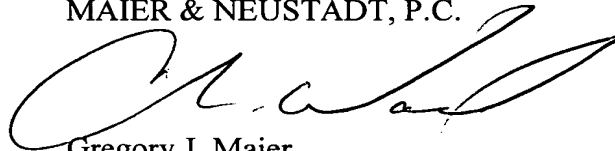
Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-5 are presently active in this case, Claims 1 and 2 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by way of the present Amendment. The Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the canceled, non-elected claims.

The Official Action indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of Claims 1 and 2, which have been canceled herein. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Gregory J. Maier
Registration No. 25,599
Attorney of Record

Christopher D. Ward
Registration No. 41,367

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000
Fax. (703) 413-2220
(OSMMN 10/01)

GJM:CDW:brf

I:\atty\cdw\25xxxx\250936US2\am1.doc